

REMARKS**Non-statutory Double Patenting Rejection**

The only rejection made by the Examiner in the subject Office Action is a non-statutory double patenting rejection in which claims 1-33 were rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,627,442. In response to the rejection, Applicant respectfully submits a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection over a Prior Patent, therefore overcoming the rejection. Applicant would like to state that the subject application and U.S. Patent No. 6,627,442 are commonly owned.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 397272000401. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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